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Docket No. D/A1366Q

PATENT APPLICATION**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Gaurav SHARMA et al.

MAIL STOP PETITION**ATTN: PATRICIA BALL**

Application No.: 10/604,201

Filed: June 30, 2003

Docket No.: 114790

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ASSOCIATING COLOR PROFILES WITH A
SCANNED INPUT IMAGE USING SPATIAL ATTRIBUTES**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.81 TO MERGE
APPLICATION FILES AND ISSUE A REFUND**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This application was electronically filed on June 30, 2003. When filing this application electronically, three error messages were received during transmission before the application was successfully transmitted, and an acknowledgement of receipt was issued assigning Application Number 10/604,201.

Despite receipt of the three error messages, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office assigned three additional application numbers to this application, and charged Deposit Account No. 24-0037 three additional times. Specifically, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office assigned application numbers 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199, and charged a \$750 filing fee, a \$168 excess independent claim fee, and a \$360 extra claim fee for each application.

This Petition invokes the supervisory authority of the Director to correct the Patent Office error in assigning three additional application numbers and debiting Deposit Account No. 24-0037 three additional times. Specifically, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to merge the files for application numbers 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199 into the present application under application number 10/604,201. The applications assigned to each Application Number are identical.

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In addition, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to issue a refund to Deposit Account No. 24-0037 in the amount of \$1,278 for each of application numbers 10/604,197, 10/604,198 and 10/604,199. As noted above, the applications are identical, and the Deposit Account would not have been debited three times if the error messages had not been transmitted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 24-0037 in the amount necessary to effect filing of this Petition. However, it is respectfully submitted that a petition fee is unnecessary in view of the error of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in issuing the error messages, in assigning three duplicative application numbers, and debiting Deposit Account 24-0037 three times.

The appropriate official at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned if there are any questions, or if any further information is needed.

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